



March 16, 2020

Dear Friends and Families of Chrysalis,

As always, the health, safety and security of staff and the people we serve at Chrysalis is a core value and remains our top priority. Chrysalis is currently open for business however we are now asking clients to remain at home to assist with the public health strategy to contain and slow the spread of the virus.

What's new:

- An increased number of confirmed and presumptive cases within Alberta over the past 24 hours has led to aggressive containment strategies by the public health sector. Limiting group gatherings is one of the best proactive measures to protect everyone's personal well-being which is why schools and child-care facilities are now closed.
- Even though the risk of getting Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Calgary and Edmonton remains low, Chrysalis is aligning our protocols with public health strategies, so **Chrysalis now strongly discourages clients from coming to Chrysalis.**
- A number of community programs and partner closures, suspended programs or accessibility restrictions have affected our programming. Please contact one of our team leaders directly if you'd like to discuss further.

What remains the same:

- We are continuing to monitor the situation closely and will provide updates as needed. Please go to our website at www.chrysalis.ca for updates.
- The most important thing to remember is that we all play a role in contributing to a healthy environment to protect ourselves and others at risk. If you are sick, we ask that you please stay at home for the well-being of everyone.
- Chrysalis is prepared and has a plan in place to ensure the wellness of everyone at Chrysalis. There are no cases (confirmed or presumptive) of COVID-19 at Chrysalis, in our facilities, workforce or client base.
- We have increased cleaning practices in our facilities and are asking staff and clients to follow the recommendations of Alberta Health Services at Chrysalis, home and anyone else they go.
- We are closely monitoring everyone for flu-like symptoms and proactively supporting self-isolation as a preventative measure for the well-being of everyone.

Even though the current risk of exposure or transmission in Alberta remains low, we respect that families always have the choice to do what's best for them and some have decided to stay home during this uneasy time. Please know that Chrysalis is still open for business and providing activities and programming with no current plans of service suspension or closure.

In the meantime, please contact us if you have questions. The following page identifies how to get a hold of us and how to stay informed through official channels.

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Questions About Chrysalis

If you have questions then please contact us as follows:

- Check out our website at www.chrysalis.ca to stay informed with what's going on at Chrysalis.
- Contact one of our Team Leads about our programs / services at Chrysalis:
 - 780-454-9656 in Edmonton, or
 - 403-258-1501 in Calgary
- Contact Blayne Blackburn, Vice President at Chrysalis, via email at info@chrysalis.ca or 780- 482-0327 for any other questions.

Stay Informed:

- Government of Canada:
 - [Official site](#) for COVID-19 updates affecting Canada
 - Reduce the spread: [wash your hands](#)
 - [Vulnerable populations and COVID-19](#)
 - [How to isolate at home](#) when you have COVID-19
- Government of Alberta:
 - [Official site](#) for COVID-19 updates affecting Alberta
 - [Health Link 8-1-1](#) with health advice 24/7
- City of Calgary:
 - [Official site](#) for COVID-19 updates affecting Calgary
- City of Edmonton:
 - [Official site](#) for COVID-19 updates affecting Edmonton
- Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities:
 - [Official site](#) for COVID-19 updates affecting Chrysalis
 - [Facebook page](#)